

Hello,

I am writing you because I have been following closely proposed regulations that would require hardware manufacturers to respect a 'broadcast flag' that could be included as part of digital broadcasts to require these devices to disallow copying.

While on the face of it this seems like good policy (we want to protect copyright works and authors), I believe that ultimately it is overly restrictive. The broadcast flag leaves no room for fair use, which is critical to intellectual freedom and the creation of new works.

The only people this law benefits are content distributors, who are much more concerned with controlling distribution than they are with protecting artists, or assuring that we receive high quality content. Consumers lose choices, control, and rights that apply to existing media.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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